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A SPEECH, spoken by Prince

ROBERT. 67.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty, and the Lords of the Councell,
concerning his Majesties desire for an Accommodation of Peace.

Wherein is declared his resolution concerning
Sergeant Major SKIPPON,
Collonell BROWNE,
and Collonell HURRY.

Also his intencion to watch all advantages, to the end
that he may surprize these three Worthies. 66

Likewise the Heads of a Seech, spoken
by Captaine

LILBOVRNE,

Before a Councell of Warre, held at Oxford, December 18

Wherein he taxeth their injustice, and offereth to fight with Prince ROSSARY, in single combat, or any two of the other Lords, to prove himselfe a loyall Subject to his King and Country.

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A SEETCH spoken by Prince

ROBERT.

To the Kingmost Excellent
and the Lords of the Council
concerning the petition for the
commutation of Peace.

Whereas it is desired for resolution concerning
the petition of the Kingmost Excellent
and the Lords of the Council
concerning the petition for the
commutation of Peace.

Also the petition to which all answers to the end
that he may enjoy the same.

I likewise the Heads of a Seetch
ken by Captain

L. BOURNE.

Of the Council of Warre, held at Oxford, December 18


Wherein he toucheth their injustice, and other
things to the Kingmost Excellent Prince Robert in single com-
pany, or any two of the other Lords to
prove him to be a loyal subject to his
King and Country.

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A Copie of a Speech spoken by
Prince

ROBERT,

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty, and
to the Lords of the Councell, &c.

 Gatherious Uncle, and you
my Lords, give me li-
cence I pray, to speake
some few wordes con-
cerning this great Af-
faire which we have
now in hand ; My Uncle desires rather
an accomodation of Peace, then a vi-
gorus purluite of this Warre, and you
cannot (as you have declared) condi-
scend to such a Treaty, without great
dishonour to his Majesty, and great pre-
judice to your selves, for which cause
you urge a violent prosecution, and in
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this you seeme privatly to tax me of
backwardnesse in the cause, my Lords
give me leave to tell you that it is easie
to discourse of warr and frame a victory
in your imaginations, but when you
come to put it in execution how farr
you are to seeke, the world can witness,
as for example when you perswaded my
sacred Uncle to draw to London with his
Army, and with that vaine perswasion
seemed to assure *London* our owne, but
being there, we found such counells vaine,
and we were forced to a dishonourable
retreat, (and had not divine providence
directed us,) we had fallen in that at-
tempt, and given our Enemies Cause to
laugh at our destruction.

You in this Chamber did possesse your
selves of winchester, but when you came
to action what you gaine I blush to
speake of, for tis the greatest shame the
the world affords for men experienced
onely to looke upon the present time
and not to weigh what the event may
be

be, Souldiers should deſire the worſt,
and ſo ſtrive to fight or winne a victory,
that in gayning a little glory to him-
ſelfe, he gayned not a greater disadvan-
tage to the Generall.

My Lords conſider the compoſition of
our Enemies they fight for Conſcience
Liberty and Law, though miſinterpreted,
and there is none but knowes what
power and chame that beares over him
that doth make uſe of it, beſides their
Lives equally ſtand ingaged in this quar-
rell, remaining under the diſpleaſure of
their incenſed Sovereigne, for which,
if we prevaile, they know that they muſt
ſuffer, and what man then but would
with honour dye in the defence of his
owne Cauſe, and ſafety, then live to be ex-
poſed to open ſhame, ſuſtaining imprison-
ment and biting Pennury, beſides the
grim aſpect of the death giving Iudge,
which lockes not on the Perſon, or the
crime, but ſcrayles his ſentence by his
Soveraignes frowne, to avoid this a Cow-
ard would be valliant.

Therefore my Lord, it is not a hard at-
temp: that can prevaile, (for though my
enemies I must speake nobly of them)
they are both wile and valliant, wary
in all their actions, and Sergeant Major
Skippon, well grounded in the Swedish
discipline, if we be not very wary will
proove our greatest enemy, therefore my
Lords this is my opinion, if that a
peace may be procured with honour to
my sacred Uncle, and security to your
selves, it will be the most happy event
that can be.

But if other waies, then must we
watch all advantages, both to secure our
owne, and to prejudice them if possible.
I know that Sergeant Major Skippon
Colonell Blount, Colonell Hurry being
ingaged by honour, will daily make in-
cursions on our quarters, therefore let us
endeavour to be provided for them, could
we but take them off or force them to forsake
the victory halfe were wonne, but till
this be effected it must remaine as doubt-
full

May 31 1646

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A Gopy of a Speech
Spoken by Captaine

L I L B U R N E



Being brought to the Barre,
 the Earle of Northampton
 demanded of him whether
 his conscience had as yet
 convicted him of that crime for which
 he stood condemned by Law.

Captaine Lilburne Answered him with
 this question ; Whether the abuse of the
 Law had convicted their consciences

The Earle of Rivers replied, the jus-
 tice of the Law had confirmed their
 consciences.

Captaine Lilburne replied, rather their
 conscience had confirmed the Law, for the
 justice of the Law did acquit him, but
 their

their censure had condemned him.

Prince Robert demanded what death
he would choose, for appearing a Souldier
he should have that liberty.

Captaine *Lilburne* demanded a sword
telling them he desired to die in single
opposition man to man with any there,
or if they feared the triall, any two so
he might die with honour.

Prince Robert asked him if it were ho-
norable to shed innocent blood, by of-
fensive armes.

Captaine *Lilburne* asked him if it were
lawfull to shed innocent blood by abuse
of the law.

Then they all rose saying the fellow is
mad, so they Commanded him prison,
what the event will be is not knowne,

FINIS.

